

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
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Application No.: 60/290,401)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: LOST 2 – A POSITIONING SYSTEM)	
FOR UNDERWATER VESSELS)	
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the current specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace claims 1, 7 and 16 with the following amended claims.

1. (AMENDED) A system for the accurate determination of the position of an underwater vehicle comprising:

a sea borne position marker having a known position;

at least one underwater vehicle acoustically coupled to the single position marker;